



# Recycling Lines

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DEQ's Community Involvement Initiative: The Department of Environmental Quality is dedicated to helping the public better understand DEQ's role in protecting the environment, and to involving the public more effectively in environmental decision making.

**Please note our new P.O. Box and Zip Code .**

*Welcome to Recycling Lines, We hope that some of this information is helpful to you in your programs, and hope you'll help us with news from your area related recycling. Let us know by sending this information to Steve Coe at [gscoe@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:gscoe@deq.virginia.gov).*

### Nominations for the 2007 Virginia Environmental Stewardship Awards

The deadline for nominations for the 2007 Virginia Environmental Stewardship Awards is April 30, 2007.

Nominations can include but are not limited to energy conservation, pollution prevention, recycling, etc.

In 2006, the Environmental Stewardship Awards went to the following:

**Education:** SPSA for their play titled; Trashinator." This was presented to K – 5 to teach the importance of recycling, how solid waste is managed, and the proper disposal of HHW.

**Communication:** Clean Valley Council for developing a Green Construction Site Manual.

**Organization:** Clinch Valley Soil and Water Conservation District for identifying and mapping illegal dump sites.

**Individual:** Deanna Fehrer, Farmville, for generating local interest in master gardener classes and programs in her area.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.vanaturally.com/esa07.doc>

### Did You Know?

- ✓ The Environment Virginia Conference will be held April 10 – 12, 2007 in Lexington.  
[www.environmentva.org](http://www.environmentva.org)
- ✓ The 2007 Smart and Sustainable Campuses Conference is April 17 – 19, 2007 at the University of Maryland in College Park MD. For more information and to register, go to:  
<http://www.nacubo.org/x8593.xml>
- ✓ On May 1 and 2, the VRA will hold its annual conference in Williamsburg in partnership with the Virginia Council for Litter Prevention and the SWANA Old Dominion Chapter. Go to:  
<http://www.vrarecycles.org/conference.htm>
- ✓ Stewardship Virginia is April 1 – May 31, 2007. Complete a registration form to advertise your environmental events and give them additional exposure by going to:  
<http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/stewardship/index.htm>  
Spring events will be posted by April 1, 2007. Contact Bonnie Phillips at 1-877-42-WATER or [bonnie.phillips@dcr.virginia.gov](mailto:bonnie.phillips@dcr.virginia.gov)
- ✓ CY 2006 Recycling rate reports for each Solid Waste Management Planning Unit are due to DEQ for CY 2006 by April 30, 2007. The form can be downloaded by going to:  
<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/recycle/> Contact Sheila Barnett at (804) 698-4055 or [smbarnett@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:smbarnett@deq.virginia.gov) or Steve Coe at (804) 698-4029 or [gscoe@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:gscoe@deq.virginia.gov)
- ✓ The VRA is promoting a recycling license plate and is requesting that people submit license plate designs for a contest and pre-order a recycling license plate. License plate designs must be submitted to the VRA by April 20, 2007. Go to <http://www.vrarecycles.org> or call (888) 867-1923.
- ✓ **CVWMA** conducted a local recycling survey. To see the results, go to:  
[http://www.cvwma.com/recycling\\_programs/survey184.wbp](http://www.cvwma.com/recycling_programs/survey184.wbp)
- ✓ **SPSA** and **Keep Norfolk Beautiful** reported their record-breaking curbside recycling rate for January 2007. They recycled 57%. Contact Holly Carson at Keep Norfolk Beautiful at (757) 441-1347 or [holly.carson@norfolk.gov](mailto:holly.carson@norfolk.gov)

### Local Governments are Going Green

**Arlington County** officials have set a goal of reducing the county's carbon dioxide and other emissions by 10 percent over the next five years. Arlington County has resolved to do the following to reach their goal:

- ✓ Buy more wind-generated electricity
- ✓ Give tax breaks for hybrid cars
- ✓ Require new public buildings to be green-certified; and
- ✓ Hand out energy-efficient light bulbs to residents at festivals.

For information about Arlington's greening plans, contact Paul Ferguson at (703) 228-3000 [pferguson@arlingtonva.us](mailto:pferguson@arlingtonva.us).

Meanwhile, county officials in **Chesterfield** are also practicing good stewardship. They built a 90,000 square foot service center at the government complex with green features including waterless urinals, high-efficiency lighting, and a porous parking lot designed to filter storm water and reduce pollution.

County employees also designed a battery-powered paint sprayer for the ball fields that uses a water-based latex paint which is less expensive and more environmentally friendly than the traditional aerosol paint that is used on fields.

For Information about Chesterfield, contact Jay Stegmaier at (804) 748-1220 or [SmithKn@chesterfield.gov](mailto:SmithKn@chesterfield.gov)

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### Wipe out Wireless Waste Campaign

Sprint Nextel, The Wireless Alliance, and Keep America Beautiful have coordinated a campaign to "Wipe out Wireless Waste." Citizens can send their phones in a postage-paid mailing envelope to the Sprint/KAB Recycling Project. All of the proceeds from this campaign will go to KAB to support their programs.

For more information about the Wipe Out Wireless Waste Campaign and to download a free, postage-paid mailing label, go to: <http://www.kab.org/programs.asp?id=871&rid=872>

### Calendar of Events -What is Happening in Your Area?

Earth Day is April 22. Let other Recycling Managers and interested parties know what is going on in your jurisdiction. Here is what we know about so far as it pertains to recycling:

#### March

24 **Loudoun County** Household Hazardous Waste Disposal, Heritage High School, 520 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg. For a list of HHW events for the year, go to [www.loudoun.gov/oswm/hhw.htm](http://www.loudoun.gov/oswm/hhw.htm)

#### April

21 **Chesterfield** Environmental Fair. Chesterfield Towne Center 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. An eCycling event will take place in the parking lot from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Contact CVWMA at (804) 340-0900

Earth Day at Claytor Lake State Park, **Pulaski**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. For more information call (540) 643-2500 or email [claytorlake@dcr.virginia.gov](mailto:claytorlake@dcr.virginia.gov)

Earth Day Celebration, Three Lakes Park **Henrico County**, 1 – 4 p.m. Contact Megan Brown at 804-501-4502, Ext. 4 or [bro77@co.henrico.va.us](mailto:bro77@co.henrico.va.us)

**Norfolk** FREE Electronics Recycling Day and Media Swap, (Norfolk Residents only) WHRO parking lot, Hampton Blvd & 49<sup>th</sup> Street, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Contact Holly Carson (757) 441-1347 or [holly.carson@norfolk.gov](mailto:holly.carson@norfolk.gov)

22 Earth Day, **Charlottesville**, Meade Park, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. For more information go to [www.earthweek.org/ecofair.asp](http://www.earthweek.org/ecofair.asp)

28 **RSWA's** Amnesty Day at Ivy Materials Utilization Center – Hazardous Household Waste, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. For more information, go to [www.avenue.org/rswa/materialuctr.htm](http://www.avenue.org/rswa/materialuctr.htm)

**Clean Fairfax Council** Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration. Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Campus. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Includes many environmental stewardship activities including a Cell phone and computer recycling collection through ServiceSource all day. Contact Rosemary Byrne at (703) 324-5471 or [rcb@cleanfairfaxcouncil.org](mailto:rcb@cleanfairfaxcouncil.org)

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### Advertising for Free on the Earth 911 Website

According to the Earth 911 February 2007 newsletter, over 3,900 Christmas tree recycling sites from around the nation were listed on their website. Tens of thousands of citizens used this website to find local recycling information for their jurisdictions.

Earth 911 reports that residents from almost 80 percent of the national zip codes have used Earth 911 to look up local information. Earth 911 invites recycling managers to post information for **FREE** on their website. Information about HHW programs and Earth Day events can be easily posted and updated. Visit Earth 911 by going to:

<http://virginia.earth911.org/master.asp>. You can also email Angela Fagan, Earth 911's Information Coordinator, at [angela@earth911.org](mailto:angela@earth911.org) or fax her at (480) 889-2660

### American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment

College and university presidents throughout the nation are taking a leadership role in studying ways to minimize global warming and increase sustainability. In Virginia, **Lynchburg College, Norfolk State University, Randolph College, Sweet Briar College and Washington and Lee University** presidents have signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment.

The commitment requires schools to take at least two tangible actions to reduce greenhouse gasses. Some of the suggestions include:

- ✓ When new buildings are constructed, they will be built at least to the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED silver standard or equivalent.
- ✓ Adopt an energy-efficient appliance purchasing policy.
- ✓ Encourage and provide access to public transportation for staff, students and visitors, and;
- ✓ Begin purchasing or producing at least 15% of the institutions electricity from renewable resources.

Schools will be asked to make their action plan, inventory, and periodic progress reports available to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) for posting and dissemination.

For more information about the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment, go to [www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org](http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org)

### Christopher Newport University and TFC Recycling Partnership to Expand Recycling Horizons

CNU expanded their recycling program after a five-day recycling celebration kick-off event that began January 29, 2007. Throughout the week, various university organizations volunteered to help spread a recycling awareness message to their peers. The highlight of the week was an event called "Represent with Recyclables," a sculpting competition using recycled materials.

TFC Recycling initiated a "Green Team" partnership with Virginia Beach City Schools last year and increased recycling by providing recycling bins for each classroom.

TFC has been active in establishing partnerships to assist local associations by helping them to increase their recycling capabilities. For a list of TFC partnerships, go to:

<http://www.tfcrecycling.com/partnerships.htm>

For more information about TFC Recycling, contact Nancie McClendon (757) 222-2180 or [nmcclendon@tfcrecycling.com](mailto:nmcclendon@tfcrecycling.com)